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19 Directive on Coordination of Foreign Intelligence Activities.
January 22, 1946

To the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of the Navy:

1. It is my desire, and I hereby direct, that all Federal foreign intelligence activities be planned, developed and coordinated so as to assure the most effective accomplishment of the intelligence mission related to the national security. I hereby designate you, together with another person to be named by me as my personal representative, as the National Intelligence Authority to accomplish this purpose.

2. Within the limits of available appropriations, you shall each from time to time assign persons and facilities from your respective Departments, which persons shall collectively form a Central Intelligence Group and shall, under the direction of a Director of Central Intelligence, assist the National Intelligence Authority. The Director of Central Intelligence shall be designated by me, shall be responsible to the National Intelligence Authority, and shall sit as a non-voting member thereof.

3. Subject to the existing law, and to the direction and control of the National Intelligence Authority, the Director of Central Intelligence shall:

a. Accomplish the correlation and evaluation of intelligence relating to the national security, and the appropriate dissemination within the Government of the resulting strategic and national policy intelligence. In so doing, full use shall be made of the staff and facilities of the intelligence agencies of your Departments.

b. Plan for the coordination of such of the activities of the intelligence agencies of your Departments as relate to the national security and recommend to the National

Intelligence Authority the establishment of such over-all policies and objectives as will assure the most effective accomplishment of the national intelligence mission.

c. Perform, for the benefit of said intelligence agencies, such services of common concern as the National Intelligence Authority determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally.

d. Perform such other functions and duties related to intelligence affecting the national security as the President and the National Intelligence Authority may from time to time direct.

4. No police, law enforcement or internal security functions shall be exercised under this directive.

5. Such intelligence received by the intelligence agencies of your Departments as may be designated by the National Intelligence Authority shall be freely available to the Director of Central Intelligence for correlation, evaluation or dissemination. To the extent approved by the National Intelligence Authority, the operations of said intelligence agencies shall be open to inspection by the Director of Central Intelligence in connection with planning functions.

6. The existing intelligence agencies of your Departments shall continue to collect, evaluate, correlate and disseminate departmental intelligence.

7. The Director of Central Intelligence shall be advised by an Intelligence Advisory Board consisting of the heads (or their representatives) of the principal military and civilian intelligence agencies of the Government having functions related to national security, as determined by the National Intelligence Authority.

PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN, PUBLIC PAPERS, 1946
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8. Within the scope of existing law and Presidential directives, other departments and agencies of the executive branch of the Federal Government shall furnish such intelligence information relating to the national security as is in their possession, and as the Director of Central Intelligence may from time to time request pursuant to regulations of the National Intelligence Authority.

9. Nothing herein shall be construed to

authorize the making of investigations inside the continental limits of the United States and its possessions, except as provided by law and Presidential directives.

10. In the conduct of their activities the National Intelligence Authority and the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for fully protecting intelligence sources and methods.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN

20 Letter to the Chairman and Members of the President's Steel Fact-Finding Board. January 22, 1946

Dear Mr. Feinsinger:

I have received the letter dated January 19, 1946 signed by yourself and the other Members of the Steel Fact-Finding Board, Associate Justice Roger J. McDonough and Associate Justice James M. Douglas, in which you review the activities of the Board to date, and request instructions as to your further procedure.

For the present, I suggest that you continue your study of governmental data, and that you remain available for further consultation.

Your sincere desire to assist in every way possible in securing an early termination of this dispute is highly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN

[Honorable Nathan P. Feinsinger, Chairman, Steel Fact-Finding Board, Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.]

NOTE: The letter from the Chairman and members of the Steel Fact-Finding Board was released with the President's reply.

21 The President's News Conference of January 24, 1946

THE PRESIDENT. I want to read a couple of things to you, and then I will stand for questions as usual.

[1.] "Judge Samuel I. Rosenman is leaving the White House officially on February 1st, to return to private life in New York City. I make this announcement with deep regret."

You will receive copies of this. It is

mimeographed, so you don't have to take it down now.

[Continuing reading]: "Judge Rosenman sought to resign in a letter to me dated April 14, 1945. I told him I could not let him go, and he patriotically accepted my decision. In justice to him, I can no longer try to dissuade him from leaving."

"Judge Rosenman's service to two Presi-